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TRAVELS

Of the Rev. Father J. H. Hillebrand Described in Interesting Letter.

Tells of His Visit to the Eternal City and Its Many Treasures.

Celebrated Mass at the Tomb of St. Anthony of Padua.

WILL SOON BE HOMEWARD BOUND

The Rev. Father J. H. Hillebrand, of St. Mary's of the Knobs, has written another interesting letter to the Kentucky Irish American. The previous letter described his visit to the Holy Land. In this one he tells us something about Rome and other cities in Continental Europe.

DUSSELDORF, GERMANY, August 2, 1905.—In my last letter, dated at Rome, I stated that I would remain there for some time. So I did. I arrived at the Eternal City from my trip to the Holy Land via Brindisi, June 23, and remained until July 10. This, you see, gave me ample time and opportunity to see considerable of the old city founded by Romulus and Remus. Rome is quite large. It contains at least 400,000 inhabitants, and most of the public and private buildings are substantial, stately and artistic. Thousands of its stores are filled with all kinds of wares. Rome has many fountains and beautiful gardens, and nearly all the streets are connected by electric tramways. While most of the public buildings are of recent date and quite modern, many of them are very old. I visited many churches, public buildings, parks and other places of interest to every traveler. Of course my first visit was to the grand St. Peter's Cathedral, the queen of all churches beyond the Tiber.

St. Peter's is undoubtedly the largest and as to the interior the finest church in the world. It easily holds 75,000 people, and I have seen not less than 30,000 worshippers present at a Pontifical mass celebrated by his Eminence Cardinal Rampolla on June 29, the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. I visited this grand church at least once every day during my stay in Rome. In a church near the basilica of St. John Lateran I saw the scala sancta or flight of stairs which our Divine Lord was compelled to ascend when taken before Pilate. It is said that these stairs were brought from Jerusalem to Rome by Queen St. Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great, the first Christian Emperor. These stairs contain thirty-three steps and the faithful are wont to ascend them on their knees. I also saw the ruins of the Colosseum in which, as every reader of history knows, were fought the gladiatorial contests, and that, too, long before the birth of our Lord. Thousands of Christians suffered martyrdom for their faith in Jesus Christ in this great amphitheater. I also visited the ruins of the great Forum, where so often the voices of Cicero, Caesar and other great orators and celebrities were heard.

Of course I visited the catacombs, those subterranean passages which run for miles under the city. The catacombs of St. Callista, the most renowned, contain thousands of graves of the early Christians who were driven there by their pagan persecutors to live and die. I saw in the catacombs of St. Callista the exact place where St. Cecilia was buried after having suffered martyrdom for her faith in Jesus Christ and His holy religion. The place where this great saint lived and died is now adorned by a beautiful basilica.

From Rome I went to Padua, a distance of about 300 miles. I arrived there early in the morning and at once went to the church that contains the body of the great St. Anthony. Not only Italians, but every good and faithful child of the Catholic church, loves St. Anthony, and many favors and blessings have been granted by Almighty God through the intercession of His faithful servant, St. Anthony. After having said mass there I left Padua for Venice, beautiful Venice. There is no city in the world like it. Neither are there any horses or vehicles there. All traffic is done on canals by means of gondolas. I was in Venice two days and enjoyed my visit very much. At noon I left Venice and a few hours later I reached Milan. This city is noted for its large and beautiful Dom or Cathedral. The city is cleanly, well built and much business is done there.

From Milan I went to Einsiedeln, Switzerland. Einsiedeln has a large Benedictine monastery. Here I found two of my former professors, Fathers Siegesbert and Ludwig, O. S. B. Both of them were for some years professors at the seminary of St. Meinrad, in Spencer county, Ind. From Einsiedeln I went to Lucerne and Zurich. Both places are quite pretty and are largely frequented by Americans and Englishmen. At Lucerne I met many Americans, among them three gentlemen from Louisville. The great Pilatus, one of the Alps, 7,000 feet high, is near Lucerne. I was foolish enough to ascend it. I spent four days at Lucerne. From there I went to Munich, Bavaria. Munich is a lively town. Everybody there is jolly and in



NATIONAL OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.

GRAND

Gathering of Gaels Will Take Place at Fontaine Ferry Park.

With Weather Propitious the Crowd Should Break All Records.

Monday Promises to Mark An Epoch in History of Local Hibernians.

COMMITTEES ARE HARD AT WORK

good spirits. I also saw the famous Hofbrau House or court brewery. I went from Munich to Strasburg, in Alsace. This city is well known for its grand Muenster Cathedral and its wonderful clock. The clock is probably twenty-five or thirty feet high and twelve to fifteen feet wide. At every quarter of the hour a figure appears and strikes a gong. A 12 o'clock noon twelve figures representing the apostles appear. They walk to the center of the clock, bow to a figure representing Christ and then disappear. I remained at Strasburg two days. From there I went to the great city of Cologne on the Rhine. This city contains about 400,000 inhabitants. It has large, fine and well built public and private houses, and quite a number of good hotels. The streets are well paved and are kept in good condition. The chief attraction in Cologne, of course, is its grand Dom or Cathedral. Outside of St. Peter's at Rome there is nothing like it in the world. It is at least 450 feet long, 180 feet wide, and inside from floor to ceiling is 161 feet high. The two towers are each 471 feet high. I can not in writing give you an accurate idea of this wonderful piece of masonry. Like St. Peter's at Rome, the Dom at Cologne attracts hundreds and thousands of visitors daily. From 500 to 800 statues and small figures adorn the outside of this magnificent church. I left Cologne for Dusseldorf, where I am at present, August 1. Here I intend to remain a few days and thence go to Muenster, Westphalia. Dusseldorf is another large and beautiful city. Magnificent streets radiate from the main depot to the different parts of the city and all are connected by the electric tramway. The city has 230,000 inhabitants, fifteen Roman Catholic churches, five Protestant churches, one synagogue, nine high schools and three schools of art and craft.

I will leave Europe for home on August 29, on the Kaiser Wilhelm II., and expect to be with my people on the Knobs on September 8. With best wishes to all my friends and all the readers of the Kentucky Irish American, I am respectfully yours,

FATHER J. H. HILLEBRAND.

BELOVED PRELATES

Of Western Dioceses Home From Travels in Foreign Lands.

Great preparations are being made for the fitting celebration of the first anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral at Sioux City, Iowa. The Right Rev. Bishop Garrigan will of course officiate at the Pontifical mass, and the Right Rev. Bishop Scannell, of Omaha, will preach the sermon. After mass the priests of the diocese will be entertained at dinner by Bishop Garrigan, who will describe to them his visit to his Holiness Pius X. and his other European travels.

Bishop Scannell, who will be the guest of honor, will doubtless entertain the clergy with an account of his visit to his native diocese at Cloyne. Bishops Garrigan and Scannell returned to America on the same ship last Tuesday.

UNITY EXCELS.

Unity Council's ball team defeated Mackin Council's club by a score of 9 to 7 in an exciting game at James' Park on Sunday. The batteries of both teams did good work. Unity would like to arrange games with Setolli and Trinity Councils, or any council in the Kentucky or Indiana jurisdictions.

children will visit the park in the afternoon. After supper the men will pour in from every direction. Every one of the thirty-two counties of Ireland will be represented at this grand gathering of Gaels.

For the young folks a splendid band will discourse the latest popular dance music. In fact the entertainment of young and old has been provided for. A balloon ascension during the afternoon and another at night will entertain the grown people as well as the children. Then there will be the Hopkins Pavilion with its splendid attractions, a tug-of-war between rival teams of Hibernians is being arranged, and an effort is being made to secure the services of a genuine Irish bagpiper.

There will be a general meeting of all the committees and of all Hibernians interested in the success of the celebration at Hibernian Hall, in the Hopkins Theater building, at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

WHO THEY ARE.

Members of National Board of Directors Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The cut appearing at the top of our first page is a reproduction of the photograph of the National Board of Directors of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, taken during the board's recent meeting at Atlantic City, the only absentee being Director Hennessey, of Montana. The members of the National Board as shown in this picture are from left to right, those in the top row being P. J. Hattigan, John T. Keating, P. D. Farrell and George J. Butler. In the bottom row are Treasurer M. J. O'Brien, President James E. Dolan, Archbishop John M. Farley, the National Chaplain, Vice President James E. O'Sullivan, Secretary James T. Carroll.

Mr. Hattigan is the able editor of the National Hibernian and makes his headquarters in Washington, D. C. John T. Keating comes from Chicago, where he is well and favorably known in both business and political circles. P. D. Farrell is a leading clothing merchant of the Northwest, having immense stores at Grand Rapids, Mich. George J. Butler, Kentucky's representative on the board, is the successful Portland avenue grocer, and needs no words of introduction to our readers.

M. J. O'Brien, the National Treasurer, is a wealthy and extensive furniture manufacturer at Richmond, Ind. James E. Dolan, National President, is located in Syracuse, but is about to open a big retail clothing and furnishing house at Albany, N. Y. His Grace the Most Rev. John M. Farley is the Archbishop of New York as well as National Chaplain of the Ancient Order. He is thoroughly familiar with the affairs of the order and takes a prominent part in all the deliberations of the Board of Directors. Vice President James E. O'Sullivan is Assistant Postmaster at Philadelphia. He began his career as a stonecutter, but gradually worked his way to the top politically and socially. Secretary James T. Carroll is editor of the Columbian, published at Columbus, Ohio.

MUCH IMPROVED.

Mrs. Harry Swann is rapidly recovering at St. Joseph's Infirmary, where she was successfully operated on by Dr. Irwin Abel on Wednesday of last week. Her many friends hope to see her out again at an early date.

FESTIVAL

For the St. Joseph's Orphan's Asylum Will Be Held Wednesday.

Attractive Amusements Will Furnish Entertainment For All Present.

Ample Accommodation Will Be Made For Feeding All the Hungry.

PRETTY GIRLS AND TASTY BOOTHS

"There is a great day coming." Such is the expectation of the entire Catholic community, English as well as German, regarding the festival to be given for the orphans of St. Joseph's Asylum Wednesday next. The beautiful surroundings of the home, the hospitable preparations for the welfare of the visitors, the many special arrangements for enjoyment—all combined will make the occasion one never to be forgotten. Crescent Hill cars pass the home and transfers can be had from all over the city. Because the roadway in front of the asylum is torn up preparatory to paving Frankfort avenue with asphalt, proper entrances have been provided on the sides of the grounds. Signs will be placed at appropriate points so that drivers of conveyances will know where to enter the grounds.

The various booths will be tastefully decorated, and in order to accommodate the large crowd expected nearly all the stands will be duplicated. The ladies and gentlemen on the various committees say that it can not be too positively stated that meals can be had by all visitors as promptly as any one can expect. German ladies always take a great pride in serving good dinners and suppers on such occasions, and the forthcoming festival will furnish them a great opportunity of displaying their knowledge of the culinary art. Lunch stands in the park will be an important adjunct to the dining room, and the box booth will be a novel feature. A box and all that is in it will be sold for one dime.

In the handkerchief and linen booth will be an exhibition of exquisite fancy work that will prove a great attraction for the ladies. Besides there will be a fish pond, the merry-go-round and many more attractive features, with a special delivery post-office and a large corps of uniquely attired and pretty girl letter carriers.

The illumination at night will be beautiful. Hundreds of Japanese lanterns will give the grounds a charming effect. The union Louisville Military Band of twenty-five men will furnish the latest and most popular music for the afternoon and evening, there being thirty-five numbers on the programme. The orphan children will sing several choruses, and the Concordia Singing Society, one of the oldest and best known Catholic singing organizations in the country, will render selections specially arranged for this festival.

In short every variety of entertainment will be provided for those who will attend. The German Catholics turned out well on July 4 in the cause of St. Vincent's orphans, and it will be no

more than right for the English-speaking congregations to reciprocate. And they will also have the benefit of a day spent in the country and away from the heat and turmoil of the city.

POOR HEALTH

Caused Father Cone to Retire From Work at St. John's.

The Rev. Father George A. Cone has been transferred from St. John's church to Preston Park Seminary. Ill health caused Father Cone to retire from the active work at St. John's. It is to be hoped that his health will improve rapidly, and at some date not far distant he may be able to resume active duty as a parish priest. While he is far from robust, he is not a delicate person, and it is believed that he will recover health and strength while attending to his onerous duties at the seminary.

Father Cone has been at St. John's about a year. During part of that time he was assistant to the Very Rev. Father Bax. When the latter went to Europe, three months ago, Father Cone was placed in charge of the parish. He has endeared himself to all by his attention to duty and his kindly words of encouragement spoken to those in sickness and distress.

In bidding goodbye to the congregation last Sunday Father Cone thanked his parishioners for their courteous treatment and expressed his regret at being compelled to relinquish the work which was so satisfactory to him. Many of the congregation called on him and wished him a speedy restoration to health and strength.

SAINTLY WOMAN

Wanted to Carry the Faces of Her Companions With Her to Heaven.

A pathetic and touching feature of the death of Mother Clara, Commissary General of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in America, was her desire to see all the members of the community before she died. She died at the Notre Dame convent in Milwaukee on St. Dominic's day, August 4, but on the night previous, when she realized that the end was near, she asked that all the Sisters might be permitted to visit her. They were allowed to pass her bedside one by one and each one of her companions received her blessing. She said it was her wish to carry the face of every Sister under her charge into eternity. Several Sisters were detained by duties in a distant part of the convent and did not come promptly to the summons. The dying nun noticed their absence and asked the reason therefor. When told she urged that they be summoned, as she wished to see every face. All the missing ones were sent to her and her last prayer was that all members of the order should prove faithful and learn to the fullest the beauty of their calling. She died on the following day and her remains lay in state in the mortuary chapel until the requiem mass was celebrated on the Tuesday following.

GETTING BETTER.

The Rev. Father Sheridan, who has been sojourning at the Springs for the past ten days, writes to friends in this city that he is rapidly improving in health. His parishioners at St. Michael's are anxious for his speedy return.

PARADE

Of Members Will Precede Opening of Y. M. I. Grand Council.

Newport Will Give the Delegates and Visitors Warm Reception.

Chairman of Board of Grand Directors Talks About His Report.

LADIES WILL HELP TO ENTERTAIN

The annual convention of Grand Council of the Young Men's Institute of the Kentucky jurisdiction will be held at Newport on Monday and Tuesday. As a fitting prelude to the sessions of the Grand Council a grand street parade will be held in Newport tomorrow afternoon. Of course Louisville will send representative delegations from its three councils, Trinity, Setolli and Mackin. Lexington, Owensboro, Bardonia, Frankfort, New Haven and other towns and cities in the State will likewise send delegations to attend the parade.

The business sessions of the Grand Council will be held in the commodious quarters of Lafayette Council, on York street. The members of Lafayette Council have been working for months in an endeavor to arrange for the proper entertainment of the visiting delegates. The gentlemen on the committee have seen to it that proper accommodations have been provided at the hotels in Cincinnati, just across the river from Newport. The efforts of the committee have been supplemented by a committee of ladies. Mrs. Dr. Joseph Riordan is Chairman of the ladies' committee and Miss Jane Kelly is Secretary. There are twenty-eight ladies on the committee, and the delegates are assured of a cordial welcome at their hands.

The main interest in the proceedings of the Grand Council will center around the election of Grand officers and the report of the President of the Board of Grand Directors. James B. Kelly, the incumbent Grand President, will decline to become a candidate for reelection, since he has held the position for two terms, and because the Y. M. I. members are opposed to continuing one man in any office for any long period. Mr. Kelly has filled the position with credit to himself and with satisfaction to his friends and may now rest on his laurels. James Shelley, of Mackin Council, Louisville, and Dr. Joseph Riordan, of Lafayette Council, Newport, are both being pushed for Grand President. Both of these gentlemen are old workers in Y. M. I. ranks, and either would fill the place creditably. Albert F. Martin, of Trinity Council, is the most frequently mentioned candidate for First Grand Vice President.

The most prominent candidates for the office of Grand Secretary-Treasurer are John Shannon, of Lexington, incumbent, and Joseph Cassidy, of Louisville. Mr. Shannon has proven a capable and efficient Secretary-Treasurer and his friends believe his good work should be endorsed by re-election for a second term. On the other hand, the friends of Mr. Cassidy think that his long service in the cause entitles him to recognition. Either will make capable officials. Frank Adams, of Mackin Council, is a candidate to succeed himself as Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors, and should much of the order's success during the past year has been due to his able administration, he will doubtless be re-elected. Since much of the business of the Grand Council will depend on the report of the Board of Grand Directors, a representative of the Kentucky Irish American asked Chairman Frank Adams a few days ago to outline his report. Mr. Adams said in reply:

"That I can not very well do. My report must be made to the Grand Council in convention assembled, but I can tell you that I will report that the Kentucky jurisdiction is in splendid shape financially and numerically. I will also report that the Grand officers have been energetic in the performance of their duties, and all will agree with me in my report that the duties of certain officers, particularly the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, were peculiarly onerous.

"I can also tell you that the Board of Grand Directors held a meeting in this city on February 12, 1905, at which time the books of the Grand Secretary-Treasurer were carefully audited. They showed that they had been well kept and that the Grand Council had a comfortable balance in the treasury. The publication of a directory for the Kentucky jurisdiction has been discussed by the Council, but the various councils are slow in replying to the letters of the body over which I have the honor to preside. They appear to be more different on this matter. I will subject up with the Grand Council as it convenes.

"The Y. M. I. Magazine may also come in for a full share of attention during the Grand Council. The Kentucky Irish American has given a good deal of advertisement, the great gratia, while the Y. M. I. Magazine has given a good deal of gratia. I will subject up with the Grand Council as it convenes.

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